GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1504
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2001
BLOOD BANKS
SURESH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether transfusion of H.I.V. infected blood is the main cause of spreading AIDS in the country;

(b) if so, whether all the Blood Banks in Public/Private Sectorhave sufficient equipments and means to check the samples of H.I.V. infected blood;

(c) if so, the number of such blood banks in the country; and

(d) the number of such blood banks where the test facility is not available and the steps being taken by the Government to ensure carrying out of such blood tests, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The main mode of HIV transmission in the country is through the Sexual Route and not through blood transfusion. All the licensed blood banks in the country have the facilities for H.I.V. screening or are linked to Zonal Blood Testing Centres (ZBTCs) for this purpose.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement referred to in reply to Part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1504 for 7.3.2001.

STATEWISE LIST OF APPROVED BLOOD BANKS IN THE COUNTRY (AS ON 25.11.2000)

Sl.No.	STATES	NO. OF APPROVED BLOOD BANKS
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	137
2.	A & N ISLAND	2
3.	ASSAM	33
4.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	3
5.	BIHAR	50
6.	CHANDIGARH	3
7	DELHI	38
8.	GOA	7
9.	GUJARAT	152
10.	HARYANA	27
11.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	12
12	JAMMU & KASHMIR	14
13.	KARNATAKA	109
14.	KERALA	107
15.	MADHYA PRADESH	78
16.	MAHARASHTRA	234
17.	MEGHALAYA	3

18.	MANIPUR	3
19.	MIZORAM	5
20.	NAGALAND	2
21.	ORISSA	57
22.	PONDICHERRY	7
23..	PUNJAB	53
24.	RAJASTHAN	50
25.	SIKKIM	2
26.	TAMILNADU	175
27.	TRIPURA	5
28.	U.P.	133
29.	W.BENGAL	84

TOTAL 1585